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1. On 11 May 1955, the SED Politburo transmitted an estimate of the political situation to the GDR press. In this estimate it was stated that the Western propaganda line, according to which international tension had relaxed and Western powers were ready for negotiations after the ratification of the Paris ~~Agreements~~, was unfounded. As a **matter of fact**, international ~~tensions were increased~~ considerably after the ~~ratification~~ of the Paris Treaty. ~~The fact~~ that the USSR made a **new proposal for** general disarmament must not be misinterpreted. The situation is so serious that the USSR, the People's Democracies and the GDR must agree at the Warsaw conference on measures designed to safeguard their security against the war preparations of the West. 25X1
2. The SED press directives also stated, that the Eastern Bloc was not interested in four-power negotiations on the basis of the validity of the Paris Agreements. A solution of the German question was particularly impossible in this way. 25X1

Comment. The present report agrees with previous information, according to which the Soviets have given the SED a free hand in

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